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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL: SENATOR HENRY BELLMON

1. SENATOR HENRY BELLMON OF OKLAHOMA TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO BE IN INDIA JANUARY 24-29 IN ORDER TO GAIN FIRST-HAND APPRECIATION OF PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS FOR INDIAN AGRICULTURE. SENATOR TENTATIVELY PLANS TO BREAK OFF FROM APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GROUP HE ACCOMPANYING JANUARY 23 IN TEL AVIV AND TO REJOIN GROUP JANUARY 30 IN PORTUGAL.

2. NEA/INS (KUX) BRIEFED SENATOR DECEMBER 19 ON CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN INDIA AND SAID WE WOULD ASK EMBASSY TO PROPOSE TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SENATOR'S VISIT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO BOTH ADVANCED AND BACKWARD AGRICULTURAL REGIONS. KUX SPOKE OF POSSIBLE STOPS IN PUNJAB, EASTERN UP OR BIHAR AND, IF TIME PERMITS, VISIT TO SOUTH INDIAN STATE SUCH AS ANDHRA PRADESH, WHERE UN ARID LANDS RESEARCH CENTER LOCATED. KUX, HOWEVER, NOTED

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THAT DIFFICULTIES IN DOMESTIC TRAVEL IN INDIA MIGHT WELL

PRECLUDE SO EXTENSIVE A TRIP IN 5-6 DAY PERIOD.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ASAP ON
POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR SENATOR SO WE CAN PASS THIS ON TO HIM.
AS SENATOR NOT YET CERTAIN HE WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO INDIA

SUGGEST YOU NOT DISCUSS WITH GOI. SISCO

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